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President: Mr. Hachani ..... (Tunisia)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.15 p.m.

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments (*continued*) (E/2006/2/Add.1 and E/2006/L.2/Rev.2)

Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission

1. **The President** invited the Council to elect seven members to the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission for a two-year term beginning on the day of the first meeting of the Committee.

2. **Mr. Seth** (Secretary of the Council) said that Angola and Guinea-Bissau were unendorsed candidates from the Group of African States; Indonesia and Sri Lanka were unendorsed candidates from the Group of Asian States; Poland was the unendorsed candidate from the Group of Eastern European States; Brazil had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Belgium had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States.

3. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to the number of vacancies for those groups, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

4. *It was so decided.*

5. *Angola, Belgium, Brazil, Guinea-Bissau, Indonesia, Poland and Sri Lanka were elected members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission.*

6. **The President** said that some delegations had requested clarification regarding the procedures for electing members to the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission in accordance with Council resolution 2006/2. Having consulted with the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations, he wished to offer the following explanation.

7. In accordance with established practice for the election of members of the Council's subsidiary bodies, elected members who wished to resign from their membership before the end of their terms required a letter of resignation from the elected member, followed by the endorsement of a replacement candidate from the Chairman of the regional group concerned.

8. Regarding elections to the seven seats allocated to it on the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission, the Council could build on that established practice. In accordance with resolution 2006/3, Council members would be elected to the Organizational Committee for a two-year term with the possibility, as applicable, of sharing the term within the concerned regional group for the seats allocated to it, subject to the concurrence of the Council.

9. To give practical meaning to that provision, members from the Council elected to the Organizational Committee would be elected for a term of two years or until the expiration of their membership to the Council, whichever was earlier. Should a member resign from the Organizational Committee before completing that two-year period, the Chair of the regional group concerned would propose an alternate candidate from among Council members from that region to complete the remainder of the two-year term. The Council would need to make the appropriate organizational arrangements to seek the concurrence of its members regarding the proposed replacement, which would necessitate an election.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (*continued*) (E/2006/21 and E/2006/68)

Participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Economic and Social Council (E/2006/21 and E/2006/68)

10. **The President** drew attention to document E/2006/21, which contained a letter from the Secretary-General of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat (Ramsar Convention), and E/2006/68, which contained a letter from the Chairman of the South Centre, both of which requested observer status with the Economic and Social Council. He took it that the Council wished to include those requests in the agenda of the substantive session of 2006 for the Council's consideration.

11. *It was so decided.*

Event to consider the issue of transition from relief to development

12. **The President** said that if there was no objection, he would take it that the Council wished to adopt the oral decision agreed upon in informal consultations, which read:

> "The Economic and Social Council event to discuss relief to development, to be held in the morning of 14 July 2006, is as follows:
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> (a) The title of the event will be 'Economic and Social Council event to discuss relief to development';
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> (b) The event will be an informal half a day activity; and
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> (c) There will be no negotiated outcome."

13. *It was so decided.*

The meeting rose at 3.25 p.m.